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SUBJ: PROCUREMENT OF YUGOSLAV BEEF BY US ARMED FORCES

1. SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF US ARMY VETERINARIAN CAPTAIN  
THELTON W. MCCORCLE LEAVES ONLY SSGT JOSEPH TURKALY ON  
PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT TO BELGRADE TO INSPECT YUGOSLAV  
BEEF PURCHASED BY US FORCES THROUGH ENTERPRISE JUGOEXPORT.  
THOUGH TWO TDY ENLISTED INSPECTORS HERE AT THIS TIME,  
EMBASSY CONCERNED WHETHER ABSENCE OF ARMY VETERINARY  
DOCTOR MAY IMPAIR EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION OF PROCUREMENT  
CONTRACTS. CONCERN HEIGHTENED BY STATEMENTS BY VISITING  
TEAM OF US ARMY PROCUREMENT AND VETERINARY OFFICERS  
LAST AUTUMN THAT PROBLEMS WERE BEING EXPERIENCED WITH  
YUGOSLAVS OVER LATE DELIVERY AND STANDARDS.

2. EMBASSY'S FIRST INTEREST IS THAT US FORCES RECEIVE  
ADQUATE SUPPLY OF GOOD BEEF AT BEST PRICE. WE ARE ALSO  
INTERESTED IN BEEF SHIPMENTS AS SIGNIFICANT MEANS FOR  
EXPANSION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, WHICH IS FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN U.S. OVERALL POLICY TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA.  
YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS HAVE STRESSED TO US IMPORTANCE THEY  
ATTACH TO U.S. MILITARY PROCUREMENT. IF THERE ARE  
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PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROCUREMENT, IT IS

IMPORTANT FOR YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY  
TO INFLUENCE SUPPLIERS TO CORRECT THEM.

3. EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL OF EARLY ARRIVAL OF ARMY VETERINARY  
DOCTOR TO SUPERVISE PROCUREMENT.

4. WE ALSO RECOMMEND EARLIEST POSSIBLE VISIT TO BELGRADE  
BY COLONEL BROWN TO BRIEF EMBASSY ON CURRENT CONTRACTUAL  
SITUATION, AND DISCUSS OPERATION OF VETERINARY TEAM HERE.  
IN CASE OF PROBLEMS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT VISITING ARMY OFFICER,  
ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICER, BRIEF YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING  
WHEN COLONEL BROWN WILL VISIT BELGRADE, AND WHEN CAPTAIN  
MCCORCLE WILL BE REPLACED.  
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